

CHILD CARE LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Cannon Health Building, Room 125

9:00 a.m., February 2, 1998

Members Present: Chris Bray; Joyce Hastings; Dianna Farr; Erin Bitterolf; Sara Croskell; Paula McGibbon; Ursula Trueman; Marilyn Macumber.

Members Excused: Tracy Halverson

Staff: Deb Wynkoop-Green; Joel Hoffman; Bonnie Winter; Colleen Fitzgerald; Julie Nisbet; Wendee Pippy; Susan Riding; Pennie Knudson

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introduction

Ms. Bray welcomed all in attendance. Ms. McGibbon moved that Ms. Halverson be excused from the meeting. Ms. Croskell seconded the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

2. December 1, 1997 Minutes

Ms. Bray stated that a correction needed to be made to the minutes. Page three, Number seven should read “.... Bureau held a retreat..... Ms. Wynkoop-Green reported to Committee members regarding activities.” Ms. Trueman moved to accept the minutes of the December 1, 1997 meeting with corrections noted. Ms. Hastings seconded the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

3. Licensure Actions/Sanctions

Mr. Hoffman reviewed the Licensure Actions/Sanctions table that was handed out.

Ms. Trueman asked if there was a website with action/sanction information available? Ms. Wynkoop-Green stated that a grant has been requested. Ms. Wynkoop-Green knows of University of Utah students who are looking for three month projects as part of their training. A decision will be made to see if we meet the “first cut” of the department level so information may be sent.

4. R430-10 Hourly Care Child Care Program Rules

Ms. Wynkoop-Green stated that January 1, 1998 law changed and eliminated the four hour rule. In December Committee went through the draft rules that were presented and decided to send Notice of Intent sheets to all hourly care programs that could be found. An Emergency Rule was filed in January requiring the hourly care programs to file a Notice of Intent to License by March 1998.

R430-10-3-4 Ms. Wynkoop-Green stated that the definition changed (1) “Hourly care provider” means a person who is not licensed under R430-100 and who provides continuous care and supervision for four or more children under 14 years of age; (2) an exemption clause that changed to “unless it’s in your own home.”

Ms. Wynkoop-Green stated that she will keep the committee informed of changes made in Legislation. There has been a lot of discussion about the intent of this language for in-home providers versus centers. The statute currently requires by March 1, 1998 all hourly care facilities file a Notice of Intent, business license and a fire clearance. A decision must be made 30 days after information is received by the Bureau whether they need a license or not. Criminal background checks will be ran after the decision is made if a license is needed.

5. Provider Satisfaction Survey

Mr. Hoffman reviewed the Child Care Facility Evaluation that is left with providers at the end of a survey by the Bureau licensors.

Question was asked about confidentiality of the providers responses by Ms. Bitterolf. Ms. Wynkoop-Green stated a letter is sent with the evaluation form. When the forms are received in the office they go directly to Ms. Wynkoop-Green and then to Mr. Hoffman as the program manager to be reviewed with staff.

Ms. Wynkoop-Green informed the committee that non-deficiency letters are sent out to providers who had a perfect survey. A table will be made and inserted into the next newsletter.

6. Update Legislation

Senate Bill 26 - Ms. Wynkoop-Green discussed Senate Bill 26 (SB26) and reviewed the Comparison table developed by the Bureau. SB26 has passed the Senate Human Services Committee. Ms. Wynkoop-Green stated that the Bill must be read three times in the senate and then voted on. There is some belief that Senator Blackham has the votes to pass it as it is. Senator Blackham said he had received 50 calls supporting the deregulation of licensing for providers who care for eight or less children. However, Senator Tanner said he received 40 calls opposed to this

legislation. Ms. Wynkoop-Green stated if or when the house passes the bill, it can be amended several times. It will then go to the Senate to be debated and discussed. If the Senate does not adopt the Bill and they make changes, then it will come back to the House. The last step is the Governor's signature.

Ms. Wynkoop-Green stated that the Bureau has provided data to the legislature. However, the opposition needs to come from the provider industry and parents. Ms. Wynkoop-Green stated that what ever passes, she will enforce it. If it does go through it will not be in effect until July 1, 1998.

House Bill 346 - Ms. Wynkoop-Green requested support for the committee on House Bill 346. Ms. Wynkoop-Green reviewed House Bill 346 with the committee.

Bureau of Licensing Budget - Has been voted on. Governor's Analyst recommended adding \$75,000 in additional funds to the child care budget to finish implementing House Bill 124 (Drop-in-Care). The Legislative analyst put in an additional \$100,000 to implement it. It was voted on and passed two weeks ago.

7. Child Care Forum

There are plans on April 3, 1998 where Utah Children will be doing the Child Care Stake Holders Forum. All Committee member's names have been submitted to that as a forum. We one hundred individuals interested in childcare - 30 providers, 30 consumers, 20 employers & related groups, 4-6 policy makers, 10 educator trainers, 10 regulators, 6-8 advocates, religious organizations, recourse providers, and observers will be invited. Basically, these individuals will identify the 10 issues that Child Care needs to be focused on for the next year. This meeting will be held at the Utah State Bar, Law & Justice Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

8. Cost Analysis Form - R430-100

Ms. Wynkoop-Green reviewed and discussed the Notice of Agency Revision handout that described costs associated with changes that were made to the rules. Ms. Wynkoop-Green requested a motion to accept the Notice of Agency Revision.

Ms. Hastings made a motion to accept the Notice of Agency Action revision. Ms. Bitterolf seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Ms. Bitterolf stated clean-up kits are not a one-time expense. The Committee discussed the clean-up kits expense and decided to leave as it is written. Ms. McGibbon stated that approximately 450 people incur a cost of \$50 every two years for TB Testing. Discussion followed. Dr. Croskell motioned to change the cost from \$5 every two years to \$50 every two years for TB Testing. Ms. Hastings seconded the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

9. **R430-101**

Ms. Wynkoop-Green requested comments and changes to the rule form. Request was made to separate family/group/ hourly and center. Sara made a motion to separate the sections into family, family group, hourly and centers. Ms. Macumber seconded the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 6, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. in conference room 125 of the Cannon Health Building. Please call Bonnie Winter at 538-6152 and let her know if you are unable to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Chris Bray, Chairperson

Debra Wynkoop-Green, Executive Secretary